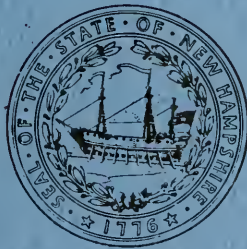


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# ***Annual Report***

**FOR THE TOWN OF**

**BENTON,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**Year Ending December 31**

**1980**

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**TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

# **Annual Report**

**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980**

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## BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1980

### **Moderator:**

John G. Elliott, Jr.

Term Expires 1982

**Town Clerk:** Marjorie L. Robitzer

**Deputy Clerk:** Patricia Driscoll

### **Selectmen:**

William J. Harris, Chairman

Term Expires 1981

James J. Page

Term Expires 1982

James R. White

Term Expires 1983

**Treasurer:** Priscilla T. Boutin

**Tax Collector:** Maxine M. Tyler

**Deputy Collector:** Marjorie L. Robitzer

**Constable:** Roy F. Irwin

**Auditor:** Robert E. Longpre

**Sexton:** David W. Harris

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris

**Health Officer:** Seraphene R. Harris

### **Supervisors of the Checklist:**

Laura E. Mason

Term Expires 1982

Jeanette C. Enderson

Term Expires 1984

John G. Elliott, Sr.

Term Expires 1986

**Ballot Clerk:** Iona V. Boutin

**Ballot Inspector:** Katie J. Goodwin

### **Trustee of Trust Funds:**

Scott E. Roden

Term Expires 1981

Joseph N. Boutin, Sr.

Term Expires 1982

David W. Harris, Chairman

Term Expires 1983

### **Community Building Committee:**

Seraphene R. Harris, Chairman

Iona V. Boutin

Laura E. Mason

### **Planning Board:**

Jean T. Longpre, Secretary

Term Expires 1981

John G. Elliott, Jr., Chairman

Term Expires 1982

John T. Connell

Term Expires 1983

Roy F. Irwin

Term Expires 1984

James J. Page, ex officio

Term Expires 1982

### **Board of Adjustment:**

Roy Irwin

Term Expires 1981

Scott E. Roden

Term Expires 1982

Wayne R. Klingler, Chairman

Term Expires 1983

Richard E. Saffo

Term Expires 1984

Priscilla T. Boutin, Secretary

Term Expires 1985

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 10th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Auditor; Sexton; Constable; Dog Officer; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of five years; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$177.63 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided by Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as setoffs against budget appropriations in the amounts indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ambulance Service	\$ 100.00
Home Health Service	250.00
Mental Health Service	250.00
Cottage Hospital	450.00
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	\$1,050.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment, as of this date, of 20 cents per mile for mileage while on town business and to keep this rate current with the mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year for support of the Town as recommended in the budget, to raise and appropriate all sums so determined for said purposes, and to pass any other vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the town report.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in the year 1981 and to be paid therefrom.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, by sealed bid, land in Benton Hollow known as the Old Town Hall Lot, consisting of 0.05 acre more or less, as bounded by remnants of the foundation of the Old Town Hall.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid and will set the amount of said discount.

ARTICLE 11. BY PETITION. To see if the Town will vote to petition the representative and senator who represent the Town in the General Court to support in the current session of the General Court a concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution to limit the annual increase in property taxes to five percent and to limit the annual increase in spending by the state or any city, town, or other governmental unit of the state to five percent.

Given under our hands and seal at Benton this 16th day of February 1981.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
JAMES J. PAGE  
JAMES R. WHITE  
Selectmen of Benton

# **COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES** **FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1980**

Title of Appropriation:	Receipts			Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
	Amount	and Reim- bursements	Expenditures		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 51.00	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500.00		1,763.00		263.00
Election and Registration	1,200.00		982.00	218.00	
Town Buildings' Expense	1,500.00	200.00 <sup>1</sup>	2,114.00		414.00
Police Department	100.00		198.00		98.00
Fire Department	300.00			300.00	
Planning	200.00	25.00 <sup>2</sup>	231.00		6.00
Insurance	1,300.00		1,486.00		186.00
Health Department	1,100.00		1,100.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	1,110.00		1,111.00		1.00
Town Road Aid	180.00		180.00		
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	3,591.00	150.15 <sup>3</sup>	4,721.00		979.85
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	3,500.00	65.65 <sup>4</sup>	4,465.00		899.35
Highway Construction— New Subsidy	1,912.00			1,912.00	
Cemeteries	250.00	10.00 <sup>5</sup>	145.00	115.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00		578.00		478.00
Tax Map	500.00			500.00	
	<u>\$19,543.00</u>	<u>\$ 450.80</u>	<u>\$20,223.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,096.00</u>	<u>\$3,325.20</u>
					<u>—3,096.00</u>
				<b>NET OVERDRAFT</b>	<b>\$ 229.20</b>

<sup>1</sup>Community Building Committee

<sup>2</sup>Subdivision Costs

<sup>3</sup>Sale of Timbers

<sup>4</sup>Billing error reimbursed

<sup>5</sup>Sale of lot



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

### Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1981 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1980

SOURCES OF REVENUE	1980 Budget	1980 Actual	1981 Estimated
<b>From Local Taxes:</b>			
Resident Tax	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 1,200.00
Yield Tax	5,028.00	4,955.31	3,650.00
Tax Interest and Costs	500.00	892.42	1,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties	20.00	24.00	25.00
Inventory Penalties	80.00	50.00	50.00
<b>From State Sources:</b>			
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,998.00	1,997.92	2,250.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,812.00	1,811.92	1,800.00
Savings Bank Tax	53.00	53.24	50.00
Highway Subsidy-Regular	2,266.00	2,265.88	2,259.49
Highway Subsidy-New	1,712.00	1,719.05	1,707.82
Highway Maintenance Allotment	91.00	90.89	
National Forest Reserve (½)	4,250.00	4,069.64	4,000.00
Reimbursement a/c State-Federal Forest Land-1979	3,654.00	3,654.08	
1980			10,540.74
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax	4,878.57	4,878.57	5,000.00
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Federally-owned Entitlement Lands	3,150.00	2,990.00	3,000.00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	4,500.00	4,049.00	4,000.00
Dog Licenses	300.00	183.50	350.00
Permits and Fees	20.00	32.00	25.00
Interest on Deposits	750.00	632.75	600.00
Income from Trust Funds	289.00	289.01	293.19
<b>Receipts Other than Current Revenue:</b>			
Revenue Sharing Funds	1,000.00	991.00	1,050.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	37,651.57	36,770.18	42,851.24
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property taxes:</b>	73,716.29	59,059.39	71,973.61
 TOTAL REVENUES			<hr/> \$114,824.85



**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON**  
**Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1981**  
**Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1980**

<b>PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1980 Budget</b>	<b>1980 Actual</b>	<b>1981 Estimated</b>
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500.00	1,730.40	2,000.00
Election and Registration	1,200.00	1,034.30	300.00
Town Buildings' Expenses	1,500.00	2,113.96	1,200.00
Police Department	100.00	197.70	200.00
Fire Department	300.00		
Planning	200.00	231.44	200.00
Insurance	1,300.00	1,486.00	1,500.00
Health Department			
Ambulance Service	100.00	100.00	100.00*
Home Health Service	300.00*	300.00*	300.00*
Mental Health Service	300.00*	300.00*	300.00*
Cottage Hospital	400.00*	400.00*	500.00*
Solid Waste Disposal	1,111.00	1,110.96	1,182.50
Town Road Aid	180.00	179.50	177.63
Town Road Maintenance			
Summer	3,591.00	4,271.21	4,000.00
Winter	3,500.00	4,464.88	4,000.00
Highway Construction—New Subsidy	1,912.00		1,707.82
Cemeteries	250.00	144.70	250.00
Legal Expenses		65.00	
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	577.56	100.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Tax Map	500.00		
Police Radio	750.00	1,518.00	
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 20,294.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,374.61</b>	<b>\$ 19,217.95</b>
<b>School Appropriation:</b>	<b>81,763.70</b>	<b>69,404.80</b>	<b>88,106.90</b>
<b>County Assessment:</b>	<b>7,479.00</b>	<b>7,479.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$109,536.70</b>	<b>\$ 98,258.41</b>	<b>\$114,824.85</b>

\*Revenue Sharing Funds in Whole or in Part

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property:	1980	1979
Land	\$ 672,620.00	\$ 650,250.00
Buildings	847,570.00	930,080.00
Public Utilities—Electric	21,520.00	23,570.00
Personal Property—Mobile Homes	19,960.00	22,930.00
	<hr/> \$1,561,670.00	<hr/> \$1,626,830.00
<b>Exemptions—Elderly</b>	— 17,980.00	— 19,080.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$1,543,690.00	\$1,607,750.00

## STATEMENT OF ASSESSED TAXES

	1980	1979
<b>Total Appropriation:</b>		
Net Town Appropriations	\$ (12,488.00)	\$ (17,791.00)
Net School Appropriations	81,763.70	69,380.00
County Tax Assessment	7,479.00	4,816.00
	<hr/> \$ 76,754.70	<hr/> \$ 56,405.00
<b>Reimbursement a/c</b>		
<b>Business Profits Tax:</b>	— 4,879.00	— 3,365.00
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	\$ 71,875.70	\$ 53,040.00
<b>War Service Credits:</b>	1,250.00	1,127.00
<b>Overlay:</b>	1,743.27	1,438.00
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	\$ 74,868.97	\$ 55,605.00
<b>Less: War Service Credits:</b>	— 1,250.00	— 1,127.00
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 73,618.97	\$ 54,478.00
<b>Tax Rate/\$100:</b>	\$ 4.85	\$ 3.46

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 1980**

**ASSETS**

**Cash in Hands of Treasurer:**

Checking Account	\$22,597.72	
Savings Account	19,656.00	
Yield Tax Deposits	2,646.00	
Revenue Sharing Account	2.05	\$44,901.77

**Accounts Due Town From State:**

1980 Reimbursement a/c State-Federal		
Forest Lands	\$10,540.74	
1980 Town Road Aid Balance	1,376.16	
Reimbursement a/c Police Radio	729.00	12,645.90

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

Levy of 1979	\$ 4,812.90	
Levy of 1978	1,111.55	5,924.45

**Uncollected Taxes, Levy of 1979:**

		10.00
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**Uncollected Taxes, Levy of 1980:**

Property Taxes	\$25,484.32	
Resident Taxes	280.00	
Yield Taxes	83.05	25,847.37

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**\$89,329.49**

**LIABILITIES**

**Accounts Owed by Town:**

Yield Tax Deposits	\$ 2,646.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	2.05	\$ 2,648.05

**Unexpended Balance, Tax Map**

Appropriation		500.00
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**Unexpended State Highway**

Subsidy-New		1,719.05
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Due State: Dog License Fees Collected		14.50
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**School District**

Appropriation	\$70,854.90	
1980 National Forest Reserve (½)	4,069.64	74,924.54

**Total Accounts Owed by Town:**

**\$79,806.14**

**State and Town Joint Highway**

**Construction Accounts:**

Unexpended Balance in State Treasury	\$ 1,376.16	
Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury	90.89	1,467.05

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

**\$81,273.19**

**Current Surplus:**

**8,056.30**

**\$89,329.49**

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

### DEBITS

<b>Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes 1/1/80:</b>	<b>Levy of 1980</b>	<b>Levy of 1979</b>
Property Tax	\$73,716.29	\$12,332.44
Property Tax Interest	30.34	660.75
Property Tax Interest Overpayment	12.55	
Resident Tax	1,300.00	180.00
Resident Tax Added	10.00	
Resident Tax Overpayment	20.00	
Resident Tax Penalty	9.00	15.00
Yield Tax	5,027.82	44.12
Yield Tax Interest	18.93	
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$80,144.93</b>	<b>\$13,232.31</b>

### CREDITS

<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>		
Property Tax	\$46,706.50	\$12,332.44
Property Tax Interest	30.34	660.75
Property Tax Interest Overpayment	12.55	
Resident Tax	990.00	150.00
Resident Tax Overpayment	20.00	
Resident Tax Penalty	9.00	15.00
Yield Tax	4,955.31	
 <b>Discounts Allowed:</b>	 1,455.10	
 <b>Abatements</b>		
Property Tax	70.37	
Resident Tax	40.00	20.00
Yield Tax	6.01	44.12
 <b>Uncollected Taxes:</b>		
Property Tax	25,484.32	
Resident Tax	280.00	10.00
Yield Tax	66.50	
Yield Tax Interest	16.55	
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$80,144.93</b>	<b>\$13,232.31</b>

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**  
**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1980**

**DEBITS**

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		
	1979	1978	1977
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/80	\$	\$1,298.26	\$441.52
Taxes Sold During Year	5,052.98		
Interest Collected After Sale	2.06	15.97	127.79
Redemption Costs	17.50	12.10	17.42
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<u>\$5,072.54</u>	<u>\$1,326.33</u>	<u>\$586.73</u>

**CREDITS**

**Remittances During Year**

Redemption	\$ 76.29	\$ 186.71	\$441.52
Interest and Costs After Sale	19.56	28.07	145.21
Partial Redemption	163.79		
Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/80	4,812.90	1,111.55	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<u>\$5,072.54</u>	<u>\$1,326.33</u>	<u>\$586.73</u>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S UNCOLLECTED TAXES

As of December 31, 1980

Name	Levy of 1979	Property	Resident	Yield
		\$	\$ 10.00	\$
Boutin, Carol				
	Levy of 1980			
Downing, Robert E.				66.50
T P General Contracting Inc.				16.55
Albert, George V.		73.24		
Aldrich, Jacob W. & Jacqueline J.		1,050.95		
Basnar, Barbara		179.45		
Basnar, Reginald & Barbara		58.69		
Bierig, Robert W. & Sandra T.		138.04		
Bolton, Jeffery M. & Nancy E.		598.00		
Boutin, Albert J., Jr. & Paula		38.80	10.00	
Boutin, Carol			10.00	
Boutin, Darrell			10.00	
Boutin, David & Melinda			20.00	
Boutin, Paul L., Sr. & Doris		231.78		
Boutin, Penny Sue			10.00	
Boutin, Ronald G. & April R.		402.99		
Chamberlin, Raymond			10.00	
Chamberlin, Richard G. & June M.		62.03		
Chaput, Daniel R. & Denise		38.08		
Clark, Charles V. & Christina M.		336.59	20.00	
Chase, Floyd D., Jr.		89.24		
Clark, Forrest S.		198.85		
Colbeth, Fred		421.42		
Corrigan, James H.		363.75		
Cote, Ronald E.		73.24		
Davis, Eric		77.12		
Decocq, Alfred & Paula		333.68		
Drew, Sharon L.		107.67	10.00	
Earle, Jack E. & Frances A.		325.92		
Elliott, Benjamin, Sr. et al		122.22		
Elliott, Bruce A. & Dorothy I.		196.91		
Elliott, Daniel R. & Laurie S.		89.24		
Elliott, James W. & Margaret D.		915.64		
Elliott, John G., Jr. & Catherine L.		761.89		
Elliott, Robert O.			10.00	
Fenn, Edward & Diane		183.33		
Fenn, Francis W.		431.17		
Fenn, Thomas F.		1,840.09	10.00	
Fernald, Robert & Amy		28.43		
Germain, Frederick J. & Virginia		510.22		
Girard, Raymond		98.94		
Hansen, Joel W.		192.54		
Hansen, Joel W. & Brendylyn C.				
Graziano		74.21		
Harris, David W.		5.77		
Harris, John J. & Alice M.		200.31	10.00	
Harris, Michael & Helena L.		56.26	20.00	

Higgins, David A. & Joan C.	248.62		
Irwin, Roy F. & Judith A.	588.79		
Klingler, Wayne R. & Barbara	691.13		
Lackie, Francis H. & Elizabeth M.	4,666.67		
Lorden, Michael J. & Timothy J.	580.06		
Mardin, Dorothy H.		10.00	
Markham, Mary L. et al	107.18		
Mason, Lloyd A. & Laura E.	161.95	20.00	
Mayo, Joseph P. & Judith A.	104.76		
Morrill, James W.	84.39		
Mott, Ian M. & Janet L.	271.60		
Nickles, Raymond C. & Elizabeth P.	769.21		
Noble, Robert L. & Helen	242.50		
Page, Ridler W.	246.86		
Paul, Edward M. & Marion	488.88		
Plant, James A.	528.65		
Poirier, Robert J. & Doris M.	434.56		
Reed, Donald F. & Lois A.	78.87		
Rodman, Richard L. & Anne L.	1,001.04		
Saffo, Richard E. & Stephanie C.	1,363.77	20.00	
Sherman, Earl & Karen		20.00	
Simpson, James F. & Beverly A.	81.48		
Smith, William F. & Denise	94.58	20.00	
Talford, Benjamin F. et al	647.96		
Thompson, Peter A. & Kimberly L.S.	482.57	10.00	
Vigent, Lynda		10.00	
White, James R. & Doreen J.	611.54	20.00	
Totals	\$25,484.32	\$ 290.00	\$ 83.05

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of December 31, 1980, on account of the tax levy of 1980, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MAXINE M. TYLER  
Tax Collector



# TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

**From Tax Collector:**

	Levy of 1977		
Tax Sale Redemptions	\$ 441.52		
Redemption Interest and Costs	145.21	\$	586.73

	Levy of 1978		
Tax Sale Redemptions	\$ 186.71		
Redemption Interest and Costs	28.07		214.78

	Levy of 1979		
Tax Sale Redemptions	\$ 240.08		
Redemption Interest and Costs	13.22		
Property Tax	12,332.44		
Property Tax Interest	660.75		
Property Tax Overpayment	37.00		
Resident Tax	150.00		
Resident Tax Penalty	15.00		
Resident Tax Abatement	20.00		
Yield Tax Abatement	44.12		13,512.61

	Levy of 1980		
Property Tax	\$46,706.50		
Property Tax Discount Overpayment	47.48		
Property Tax Interest	30.34		
Property Tax Interest Overpayment	12.55		
Property Tax Abatement	70.37		
Resident Tax	990.00		
Resident Tax Penalty	9.00		
Resident Tax Abatement	40.00		
Resident Tax Overpayment	20.00		
Yield Tax	4,955.31		
Yield Tax Interest	2.38		
Yield Tax Abatement	6.01		52,889.94

**From Town Clerk:**

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 4,049.00		
Dog Licenses	158.00		
USF check penalty	10.00		4,217.00

**From Constable:**

Dog Licenses			25.50
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**From Selectmen:**

Pistol Permits	\$ 4.00		
Current Use Application	3.00		
Sale of Timbers	150.15		
Billing Error Reimbursed	103.15		260.30

**From Community Building Committee:**

For Storm Windows			200.00
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<b>From Planning Board:</b>		
Subdivision Costs		25.00
<b>From Sexton:</b>		
Cemetery Lot		10.00
<b>From Trust Funds:</b>		
For Highways	\$ 91.65	
For Cemeteries	197.36	289.01
<b>From Interest on Deposits:</b>		
Savings Account	\$ 541.51	
Yield Tax Deposits	91.24	632.75
<b>From Special Accounts:</b>		
Revenue Sharing Account	\$ 991.00	
Yield Tax Account	3,480.39	
Savings Account	18,200.00	22,671.39
<b>From Tax Anticipation Note:</b>		
Lafayette National Bank		15,000.00
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>		
Federally Owned Entitlement Lands	\$ 2,990.00	
Revenue Sharing (by error)	225.00	3,215.00
<b>From State Sources:</b>		
Meals and Rooms Tax	\$ 1,997.92	
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,811.92	
Savings Bank Tax	53.24	
Reimbursement a/c Business		
Profits Tax	4,878.57	
Highway Subsidy—Regular	2,265.88	
Highway Subsidy—New	1,719.05	
Class V Highway Maintenance		
Allotment (1977)	90.89	
Reimbursement a/c State-Federal		
Forest Lands—1979	3,654.08	
National Forest Reserve	8,139.28	24,610.83
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$138,360.84</b>
Balance on Hand		42,595.02
<b>Less Selectmen's Orders</b>		<b>\$180,955.86</b>
		<b>-158,297.47</b>
		<b>\$ 22,658.39</b>
Payment Stopped—1979 Checks		4.33
		22,662.72
Debit memo—1979 USF Check		-65.00
Balance in Checking Account 12/31/80		\$ 22,597.72

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

#### Revenue Sharing Funds:

Balance on Hand 1/1/80	\$ 65.19	
Receipts	898.00	
Interest Added	29.86	\$ 993.05

#### Funds Expended

Home Health Service	\$ 300.00	
Mental Health Service	300.00	
Cottage Hospital	391.00	—991.00

Balance on Hand 12/31/80		\$ 2.05
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#### Yield Tax Deposits:

Balance on Hand 1/1/80	\$ 2,897.00	
Deposits	3,200.00	
Interest	121.23	\$ 6,218.23

Withdrawals	\$ 3,480.39	
Interest Withdrawn	91.24	—3,571.63

Balance on Hand 12/31/80		\$ 2,646.60
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#### Savings Account:

Balance on Hand 1/1/80	\$ 7,856.00	
Deposits	30,000.00	
Interest Added	541.51	\$38,397.51

Withdrawals	\$18,200.00	
Interest Withdrawn	541.51	18,741.51

Balance on Hand 12/31/80		\$19,656.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN  
Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers' Salaries:

William J. Harris, Selectman	\$ 200.00	
James J. Page, Selectman	200.00	
James R. White, Selectman	150.00	
Marjorie L. Robitzer, Town Clerk	150.00	
Maxine M. Tyler, Tax Collector	200.00	
Priscilla T. Boutin, Treasurer	200.00	
David W. Harris, Trustee of Trust Fund	24.00	
Robert E. Longpre, Auditor	25.00	\$ 1,149.00

### Town Officers' Expenses:

Town Reports, Courier Printing Co.	\$ 639.00	
Dues: N.H. Municipal Association	\$300.00	
Officer Associations	57.00	357.00
Fees:	99.00	
Postage	242.51	
Supplies	123.32	
Telephone	11.67	
Mileage	6.00	
Officer Bonds, Franconia Insurance Agency	148.00	
Register of Deeds	65.40	
Safe Deposit Box, Lafayette National Bank	8.00	
Assessors' School	16.00	
Advertising	14.00	1,730.40

### Election and Registration:

John G. Elliott, Jr., Moderator	\$ 73.60	
Marjorie L. Robitzer, Town Clerk	98.40	
William J. Harris, Selectman	73.60	
James J. Page, Selectman	74.40	
James R. White, Selectman	98.40	
Laura E. Mason, Supervisor	208.40	
John G. Elliott, Sr., Supervisor	171.20	
Jeanette C. Enderson, Supervisor	61.20	
Iona V. Boutin, Ballot Clerk	73.60	
Katie J. Goodwin, Ballot Inspector	73.60	
Supplies	27.90	1,034.30

### Town Buildings' Expense:

Electric, N.H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 163.36	
Fuel, Bradford Oil Company	943.09	
Repairs and Maintenance	69.41	
Storm Windows, Whitney's	938.10	2,113.96

### Police Department:

Roy F. Irwin, Constable	\$ 100.00	
Uniform	58.80	
Lights	38.90	197.70

<b>Police Radio:</b>		
Radio, General Electric	\$ 1,458.00	
Installation, Wright Communications	60.00	1,518.00
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<b>Planning:</b>		
North Country Council	\$ 165.00	
Advertising	53.14	
Supplies	3.00	
Mileage	7.40	
Refund of subdivision costs	2.90	231.44
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<b>Insurance:</b>		
Franconia Insurance Agency		
Gen. Liability	\$ 510.00	
Workmen's Compensation	467.00	
Community Building	509.00	1,486.00
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<b>Health Department:</b>		
North Country Home Health Agency	\$ 300.00	
White Mountain Mental Health Center	300.00	
Cottage Hospital	400.00	
Cottage Hospital Ambulance Service	100.00	1,100.00
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<b>Solid Waste Disposal:</b>		
Leete-Powers Landfill		1,110.96
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<b>Town Road Aid:</b>		
Appropriation		179.50
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<b>Town Road Maintenance — Summer:</b>		
Elliott & Sons Construction	\$ 3,206.18	
Cold Patch	268.33	
Fence Posts	737.10	
Gravel	49.60	
Robert Miles	10.00	4,271.21
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<b>Town Road Maintenance — Winter:</b>		
Elliott & Sons Construction	\$ 3,527.80	
John Boutin, Jr.	75.00	
Salt	728.88	
Plastic	67.55	
Error in Billing	65.65	4,464.88
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<b>Cemeteries:</b>		
David Harris, Sexton	\$ 126.00	
Flowers	18.70	144.70
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<b>Legal Expenses:</b>		
Bernard Wolfe, Jr.	\$ 15.00	
Moulton, Smith, and Samaha	50.00	65.00
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**Abatements, Discounts and****Overpayments:**

Abatements to Tax Collector	\$ 160.13	
Abatements to Individuals	269.81	
Overpayments to Tax Collector	117.03	
Overpaid Yield Tax Deposit	158.76	
Error in Posting Receipts	225.00	
Register of Deeds	1.80	932.53

**Tax Redemptions:**

Robert E. Longpre		1,055.29
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**Taxes Bought by Town:**

4,293.47

**Yield Tax Deposits:**

Maxine Tyler, Collector		3,321.63
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**Payment to Savings Account:**

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank		30,000.00
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**Tax Anticipation Note:**

Lafayette National Bank:		
Principal	\$15,000.00	
Interest	577.56	15,577.56

**Payments to State:**

Bond & Debt Retirement Tax	\$ 1,133.23	
Dog Tax	18.50	1,151.73

**Payments to County:**

1980 Assessment		7,479.00
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**Payments to School District:**

73,689.21

TOTAL PAYMENTS

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\$158,297.47

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

I hereby submit the following report of funds received by me and paid over to the Treasurer during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1980.

### DEBITS

#### Motor Vehicle Permits:

1980 Permits—197	\$ 4,214.50	
Less Fees Retained	- 165.50	\$ 4,049.00

#### Dog Licenses:

1979-80 Licenses—32	\$ 174.00	
Less Fees Retained	— 16.00	158.00

Penalty for 1979 USF Check		10.00
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		\$ 4,217.00

### CREDITS

#### Transmitted to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 4,049.00	
Dog Licenses	158.00	
Penalty for 1979 USF Check	10.00	\$ 4,217.00

Respectfully submitted,  
MARJORIE L. ROBITZER  
Town Clerk

## TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds and Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ROBERT E. LONGPRE  
Auditor

February 11, 1981



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

There are in the custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income received during the year is distributed as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Distribution of Income			
	Amount	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 500.00	\$ 40.26		
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	21.74	9.26	9.26
Whitcher & Mann	1000.00	43.51	18.52	18.52
Whitcher & Mann	1750.00		65.11	
Whitcher & Mann	1750.00			65.11
J.C. Speed	132.11	10.61		
Whitcher & Kendall	189.69	15.24		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	15.28		
Ella Mann	50.00	4.02		
Kendrick Howe	50.00	4.02		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	3.65		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	3.65		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	3.65		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	4.02		
D.M. & K.L. Howe	100.00	8.03		
Ira Whitcher	13.19	1.06		
Maude & Lee McKean	100.00	8.03		
Vevah Leonard	250.00	13.53		
Library Fund	190.99		10.35	
L.H. Parker	200.00	—Field Not Rented —		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,152.63</b>	<b>\$200.30</b>	<b>\$103.24</b>	<b>\$92.89</b>

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts and IC's or invested in government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lafayette National Bank (Lisbon Branch) at Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted:  
 DAVID W. HARRIS  
 JOSEPH N. BOUTIN, SR.  
 SCOTT E. RODEN  
 Trustees of Trust Funds

## COMMUNITY BUILDING REPORT

This year the selectmen and the planning board still meet once a month at the community building. We had only two dinners last year. The Town Clerk moved her office into the building March 31, 1980.

We have the paint to paint the building. ANYONE who would like to give a hand painting are sure WELCOME to help.

Balance on Hand 1/1/80		\$ 578.00
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Dinners	\$ 514.29	
Donations	40.00	
	<hr/>	554.29
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<hr/> \$ 1,132.29
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Food	\$ 425.49	
Christmas Party	275.00	
Storm Windows	200.00	
Repairs and Supplies	54.45	
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<hr/> 954.94
Balance on Hand 12/31/80		\$ 177.35

SERAPHENE HARRIS, Chairman  
Community Building Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980**

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

Mrs. Priscilla Boutin, Chairperson	Term Expires 1982
Mrs. Betty Nickles	Term Expires 1981
Mrs. Jeannette Enderson	Term Expires 1983

**Other District Officers**

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Jean Longpre	Clerk
Mr. Roy Irwin	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**  
**March 11, 1980**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Mr. James J. Page. The School Warrant was read by Mr. Page and the following action was then taken on the articles in the warrant.

- Article 1. James J. Page was nominated for the office of Moderator for the coming year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 2. Jean T. Longpre was nominated for the office of Clerk for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the Moderator cast one ballot.
- Article 3. Jeannette Enderson was nominated for the position of Member of the School Board for a term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 4. Maxine Tyler was nominated for the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 5. Jeannette Enderson, Member of the School Board, stated that the School Board salaries were listed in the budget. The office of Truant Officer is filled by the Constable and, as his services have not been needed for several years, there is no salary. A motion was made and seconded to pass over Article 5. Vote in the affirmative.
- Article 6. Motion made and seconded to pass over Article 6. Vote in the affirmative.
- Article 7. Motion made and seconded to pass over Article 7. Vote in the affirmative.
- Article 8. Priscilla Boutin, Chairperson of the School Board explained that four children had moved out of town and seven children had moved into town during the school year. Mr. Harold Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Schools explained that three pupils had entered the school system in October and there had been no allowance for them in the budget. He also stated that one handicapped youngster had been sent to the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center for vocational training at a cost of \$1,400. It was then moved and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400. The motion was accepted with one dissenting vote.
- Article 9. James Page asked Mr. Haskins for clarification of the \$2,400. deficit. Mr. Haskins explained that the deficit applies to the current school year and that the proposed budget of \$86,766.27 refers to the 1980-1981 school year.

The matter of Pupil Transportation was then brought up and

Arland Robitzer asked for an explanation for the reason for a contingency fund. Priscilla Boutin explained that it was to cover possible gas price increases. Mr. Robitzer then said that he thought it a poor idea to put it in the budget and suggested that it could be better handled as a deficit the following year. A motion was then made and seconded that Contracted Services be \$11,000.00 instead of \$12,000.00 and there be no Contingency fund. A ballot vote was taken with 6 yes votes and 11 no votes. The item remains as printed in the Annual Report.

A discussion then followed on tuition costs. Priscilla Boutin explained that costs next year would go up approximately \$100.00 for each level. Mr. Haskins then explained that the projected costs would be as follows:

No. of Pupils	Cost per pupil	Total
1 Kindergarten	\$ 537.50	\$ 537.50
24 Elementary	1,075.00	25,800.00
12 Jr. High	1,450.00	17,400.00
16 Sr. High	1,750.00	28,000.00
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		\$71,737.00

Mr. Haskins then passed out circulars showing how Benton costs compare with those of other communities in the area. Mr. Robitzer asked about the cost of transporting Kindergarten children. It was explained that there are three children and that they are transported one way by their parents and that they ride the school bus the other way but at the expense of their parents.

A motion was then made and seconded that the printed budget figure for Contracted Services be \$11,000.00 instead of \$12,000.00 The motion carried and the figure will be \$1,000.00 less than the amount published in the Annual Report.

A motion was then made and seconded that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,677.27 for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Article 10. Following some discussion with Mr. Haskins on basketball charges a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

JEAN T. LONGPRE  
Clerk

## SCHOOL WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 10th day of March, 1981 at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3. To choose one Member of the School Board for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.
- ARTICLE 6. To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
- ARTICLE 8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
- ARTICLE 9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 17th day of February, 1981.

PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
BETTY NICKLES  
JEANNETTE ENDERSON  
School Board of Benton

A True Copy of Warrant—Attest:

PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
BETTY NICKLES  
JEANNETTE ENDERSON  
School Board of Benton

(This is a temporary Warrant. Articles may be added until February 17, 1981.)

# BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON

## 1981-1982

Item Description	Adopted Budget 1980-81	Proposed Budget 1981-82
<b>1000 INSTRUCTION</b>		
<b>1100 Regular Instruction</b>		
561 Tuition	\$71,737.50	\$78,691.25
<b>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>2300 General Administration</b>		
870 Contingency fund	50.00	50.00
<b>2311 School Board Services</b>		
110 Salaries	175.00	175.00
530 Printing, Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
<b>2312 Clerk of Board Services</b>		
110 Salaries	16.00	16.00
<b>2313 Treasurer Services</b>		
110 Salaries	50.00	50.00
<b>2317 Audit Services</b>		
110 Salaries	25.00	25.00
<b>2321 Office of Supt. Services</b>		
351 S.A.U. Management	1,423.77	1,358.15
<b>2550 Pupil Transportation</b>		
513 Contracted Services	12,000.00	11,000.00
870 Contingency		2,000.00
Deficit Appropriation	2,400.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,077.27</b>	<b>\$93,565.40</b>



## ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1981-1982

1000 Revenue from Local Sources	
1100 Taxes	
1120 Current Appropriation	\$88,106.90
1900 Other Revenues from Local Sources	
1920 Trust Fund Income	101.77
3000 Revenue from State Sources	
3100 Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	
3120 Sweepstakes	1,063.32
4000 Revenue from Federal Sources	
4800 Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	
4810 Forest Reserve	4,293.41
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TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$93,565.40

We recommend that the District adopt the Proposed Budget and raise the appropriate sum of \$94,382.90 for the school year 1981-1982.

School Board of Benton  
PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
BETTY NICKLES  
JEANNETTE ENDERSON

### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$94,382.90.

## REVISED INCOME FOR 1980-1981

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 855.07
1000 Revenue from Local Sources	
1100 Taxes	
1120 Current Appropriation	81,763.70
1900 Other Revenue from Local Sources	
1920 Trust Fund Income	101.77
3000 Revenue from State Sources	
3100 Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	
3120 Sweepstakes	1,063.32
4000 Revenue from Federal Sources	
4800 Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	
4810 Forest Reserve	4,293.41
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TOTAL	\$88,077.27

# STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1980

Item	Adopted Budget 1979-1980	Paid Out 1979-1980
<b>100 ADMINISTRATION</b>		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 241.00	\$ 225.00
135 Contracted Services	25.00	32.00
190 Other Expenses		
.1 District Officers	200.00	
<b>500 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>		
535 Contracted Services	12,000.00	12,500.00
<b>1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS</b>		
1477 Expenditures to Other School Districts, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	61,125.00	63,260.05
.3 District Share of School Administrative Unit #23 Contingency Fund	1,434.96 50.00	1,174.08
CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR, JUNE 30, 1980		
3001 General Fund		30.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,075.96</b>	<b>\$77,221.58</b>

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

## Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1979	\$ 116.20
Received from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	69,379.80
Deficit Appropriation	2,279.55
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments	101.77
Revenue from State Sources — Sweepstakes	1,050.85
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	4,293.41
TOTAL	<hr/> \$77,221.58

## Payments

Orders of School Board	77,191.13
Cash on Hand at End of Year	
June 30, 1980	30.45
TOTAL	<hr/> \$77,221.58

**REPORT OF SCHOOL  
DISTRICT TREASURER  
Fiscal Year July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980  
School District of Benton**

**SUMMARY**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1979		\$ 116.20
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$71,659.35	
Revenue from State Sources	1,050.85	
Revenue from Federal Sources	4,293.41	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	101.77	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$77,105.38
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TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE		
FOR FISCAL YEAR		77,221.58
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		77,191.13
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1980		\$ 30.45
July 1, 1980		

MAXINE TYLER  
District Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of **Benton, N.H.** of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980 and find them correct in all respects.

July 5, 1980

IONA V. BOUTIN  
Auditor

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report to the voters of the Monroe School District.

All of a sudden it is very popular to be known as a staunch right wing conservative interested in many causes, such as: exploitation of fear and anger of a society in transition; budget slashing in social services area such as hot lunch program, compensatory education, handicapped education, social security, and many others.

It is true that education has cost more than any other service during the past twenty years but, also, take a long hard look at what public education has been asked and told to accomplish during that period of time. We have been practically told to "bring up" America's young people from the cradle to eighteen years of age.

We, the schools, are not equipped to do everything everyone expects us to do. If we are expected to provide human services, educational services, psychological services, health services, and others; we need the help of the entire community not only in terms of financial support, but in moral and physical support. If we are to change, we must all redefine our roles and not simply say or think, "Let the school do it."

Some of our politicians have commented that "The New Deal died on November 5." If the New Deal did die then what will be the consequence of the programs initiated by Lyndon Johnson (Head Start, Title I, etc.) to those by James E. Carter. They are still law, and until someone changes the law who will support them if funds are non-existent?

If President Reagan and his budget cutters seek to trim those promised billions from the federal budget, they should wield their axes gingerly. The administration will be challenged to develop new programs for disadvantaged students—programs that fit into the conservative philosophy without negating investments that have already been made. The Congress has opened its heart and soul to the handicapped in this country by writing and implementing a law that serves as the Magna Carta for those less fortunate members of our society, but they, the Congress, have sat on their pocketbooks as far as paying for the programs they have instituted.

An interesting notion is developing in Congress and that is a form of revenue sharing for education: the "block grant." The federal government now has scores of grant programs in education, some large and most small. But, currently, each program has its own regulation, its own application forms, and its own paperwork requirements. Under handicapped education, for example, there are now separate grant programs for research, teacher training, "model projects," preschool programs, and others.

There must be a better way to help schools, and the present occupant of the White House thinks he has one. The proposition is to lump money for the small programs into a few large categories, such as aid for the handicapped, vocational education and compensatory education. Why not give each state one block grant for each category of education and let the state spend the money as it chooses?

The bottom line in this report deals with the realization of how to deal with programs already functioning with federal and state dollars if we suddenly find our funds cut from under us. Some areas of concern.

1. School lunch and milk programs. This program has already been cut and with federal monies eliminated, how will the programs continue?
2. Handicapped Programs. If we are to continue the programs we have, we will need funding from both state and federal sources.
3. Driver Education. State monies are in jeopardy. Do we continue public support, or let the private sector take over?
4. Compensatory Education. Title I has been singled out as a program to be cut by 50%.
5. Vocational Education. Again, an area which will receive close scrutiny.
6. School Library Services. Funds are certain to be eliminated, or the whole program scrapped.

A more positive aspect of this report deals with the S.A.U. #23 Multi-Handicapped Center located at the Woodsville Elementary School. We are providing services for thirteen youngsters from various districts in the Unit who otherwise would have to be tuitioned to other centers in the area. From a financial point of view, with the advent of the Center we have been able to save approximately \$30,000.00 in expenditures for individual districts. From an educational viewpoint, we see tremendous social, personal and educational achievement in these youngsters.

Although this Center is catering to the multi-handicapped, we are in the discussion stages of expanding the services to possibly the elderly, the gifted and talented, the infant stimulation programs, and others. We feel we have the vehicle to provide the service, but must now develop the logistics for the entire operation. This will not come to fruition immediately, but is part and parcel of our long range plans to include all agencies in our S.A.U. for services to infants and the elderly.

There has been considerable debate as to the tuition Benton is paying to the Haverhill Cooperative. Tuition is based on the per pupil cost of the receiving district and reflects increases in local district costs.

When one compares the per pupil tuition charge over a period of years, one can only surmise that the charge is not excessive when compared to other schools in the area, but that the large increases are due to the increased number of children. Voters will please read the enclosed facts and figures which have been researched over a period from 1970-71 to 1980-81.

May I express my appreciation to the school board and voters of Benton for their fine support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
NORMAN H. MULLEN  
Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23  
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S  
AND  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent and assistant superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of S.A.U. #23, during the 1980-1981 school year, will receive a salary of \$30,000.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendent will receive a salary of \$24,844.00, prorated among the several school districts. Allowance for travel within the Unit for the Superintendent is \$3,000.00 and for the Assistant Superintendent, \$2,000.00 also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salaries and travel to each school district:

	<b>Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Bath	\$ 1,353.00	\$ 135.30
Benton	336.00	33.60
Haverhill	12,498.00	1,249.80
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	10,956.00	1,095.60
Monroe	1,740.00	174.00
Piermont	1,599.00	159.90
Warren	1,518.00	151.80
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	\$30,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<b>Assistant Superintendent's Salary</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Bath	\$ 1,120.46	\$ 90.20
Benton	278.25	22.40
Haverhill Cooperative	10,350.01	833.20
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	9,073.03	730.40
Monroe	1,440.95	116.00
Piermont	1,324.19	106.60
Warren	1,257.11	101.20
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	\$24,844.00	\$2,000.00



# BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Student Membership & Tuition

ELEMENTARY					JR. HIGH					HIGH				
Year	Students	Tuition Rate	Tuition Charged	Students	Tuition Rate	Tuition Charged	Students	Tuition Rate	Tuition Charged	Students	Tuition Rate	Tuition Charged	Total Students	Total Tuition
1970-71	14	550.00	6,787.24	6	650.00	3,900.00	13	850.00	10,186.90	33	20,874.14			
1971-72	16	600.00	9,304.60	5	700.00	3,155.39	13	900.00	9,492.91	34	21,952.90			
1972-73	19	650.00	11,689.03	3	750.00	2,250.00	10	950.00	9,500.00	32	23,439.03			
1973-74	26	700.00	18,013.34	4	800.00	3,200.00	6	975.00	5,080.85	36	26,294.19			
1974-75	28	700.00	17,060.54	4	800.00	3,200.00	8	1,075.00	7,734.03	40	27,994.57			
1975-76	27	700.00	18,320.54	12	850.00	7,142.36	7	1,110.00	6,869.68	46	32,332.58			
1976-77	37	750.58	24,534.84	9	928.05	7,496.18	11	1,186.85	11,225.89	57	43,256.91			
1977-78	37	800.12	26,925.32	6	968.35	5,216.10	13	1,326.08	16,016.40	56	48,157.82			
1978-79	32	836.02	24,878.53	11	1,038.40	11,047.43	11	1,402.46	9,754.78	54	45,680.74			
1979-80	27	975.00	24,570.00	14	1,350.00	17,900.00	12	1,650.00	17,820.05	53	60,180.05			
1980-81	22	1,075.00	22,575.00	11	1,450.00	15,950.00	15	1,750.00	26,250.00	48	64,775.00			
Totals	285		204,658.98	85		80,347.46	119		129,931.49	489	414,937.93			

### Comparative Student Enrollment

ELEMENTARY					JR. HIGH					HIGH				
Year	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Year	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Inc.	Dec.	Dec.
1971-72	.143	.167	.04	.231	.37	.26	1971-72	.37	.19	.29	.00	.07		
1972-73	.188	.04	.333	.04	.26	.54	1972-73	.26	.42	.23	.52	.47		
1973-74	.368	.00	.00	.125	.333	.07	1973-74	.54	.05	.00	.63	.11		
1974-75	.077	.036	2.00	.571	.00	.34	1974-75	.07	.123	.05	.43	.39		
1975-76				.333	.182	.10	1975-76	.34	.08	.30	.83	.47		
1976-77	.37			.273	.091	.154	1976-77	.10	.01	.61	.10	.47		
1977-78	.00	.135	.833	.214	.25		1977-78							
1978-79							1978-79							
1979-80	.156	.185					1979-80							
1980-81							1980-81							

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE SERVICE

Forest Fire Prevention: Your Business, Our Business, Good Business. Forest fire prevention slogans have been seen in association with Smokey Bear since the late nineteen forties when a national effort to check the spread of forest fires was implemented.

New Hampshire residents recognized that forest fire prevention and suppression was the responsibility of every citizen, a half century before this national campaign, when our legislature established our first forest fire laws in 1903. Since that date, the State has appointed a town/city forest fire warden who is responsible for forest fire law enforcement in his municipality.

All fires kindled out of doors when there is no snow on the ground must be approved in writing by the forest fire warden before being kindled. All forest fires must be suppressed by the warden and his deputies as soon as they are reported. The cost of fire suppression is shared jointly by the town/city and the State of New Hampshire, as are forest fire prevention and forest fire training costs.

This state and local municipality cooperative forest fire program has given New Hampshire one of the best forest fire records in the United States.

### Forest Fire Statistics 1980

	No. of Fires*	No. of Acres**
State of N.H.	1,226	693
District	20	21½
Town	0	0

JOHN Q. RICARD  
District Fire Chief

WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
Forest Fire Warden

\* Includes Short Fire Reports

\*\* Includes woods and grass

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1980**

<b>Date of Birth and Name of Child</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Name of Father Name of Mother</b>
May 4 Kelly Jean Irwin	F	Roy Frederick Irwin Judith Ann Boutin
December 30 Adam Robert Dyer	M	Thomas Charles Dyer Beth Ann Brown

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1980**

<b>Date and Names of Groom and Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Groom and Bride</b>	<b>Name of Father Name of Mother</b>
September 20 Peter J. Boutin	Benton	John Boutin, Jr. Iona V. Mason
Robin J. Wheeler	Bath	Kenneth W. Wheeler Marjorie L. Burbank

Officiant: Arthur W. Cheney, Pastor  
Wells River, Vermont

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1980**

<b>Date of Death and Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Name of Father Name of Mother</b>
January 16 Bertha Welling	87	Canada	Alexander Quimet Josephine Novalt
April 20 Frank W. Powers	60	Haverhill	Guy Powers Thelma Smith
October 8 Rosario F. Gaulin			Exzelia Gaulin Delina Lemay









THIRD CLASS

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